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### Edward Livingston letter to Moses Dawson

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New York Feb 22<sup>d</sup> 1836.

Gentlemen

I pray you to convey to the democratic  
Clergy of the City of Cincinnati and of the County of Hamilton  
whom you represent the expression ~~through~~ of my  
great regret that I can not accept the invitation  
with which they have honored me.

Every Meeting of those who profess  
and practice democratic principles is of great importance  
It encourages the friends of true liberty cherishes the unity  
of purpose by which alone the enemies of freedom can be  
defeated in the machinations against it; And by a recurrence  
in public Speeches, toasts, and the interchange of Sentiments  
to the principles on which our institutions rest gives  
them new vigor & support -

I have embodied in the subjoined toast  
offered according to your request one of the most impor-  
-tant



of their principles. If the enemies of popular government  
could become converts to the first, and its friends be con-  
vinced of the last truth it contains - our Institutions would  
last (as I solemnly wish they may last) For ever

"The Sovereignty of the People. Limited  
by the sacred obligation of implicit obedience to the  
Laws which their Representatives have constitutionally  
made"

For yourselves gentlemen be pleased to  
accept my thanks for the obliging terms on which  
you have couched your invitation and my acknowl-  
edgments for the manner in which you are pleased to  
speak of my services - although the pleasure derived  
from your approbation of them is much lessened  
by the consciousness that they are greatly overruled by  
your Partiality

I am with great Respect

Your Most Obedt Servt

To Mons Dawson.

Chairman

and other Members of the Committee  
of the Democratic Alliance of Cincinnati  
& the County of Hamilton

Edw Loringston



Ed: ~~Amunston~~

22<sup>d</sup> Feb 1836

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